

Re: Durango Herald inquiry

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Mr. Rodebaugh, I apologize for the delay in responding to your questions. I am waiting for some input from others and hope to get back to you via email by COB tomorrow.

Sincerely,

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"Dale Rodebaugh" ---07/20/2011 06:25:30 AM---Dale Rodebaugh reporter

From: "Dale Rodebaugh" <daler@durangoherald.com>

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1. The Animas River Stakeholders Group in 1994 apparently initiated a valid enough response to the possibility that most of San Juan County could become a Superfund site to STALL DELAY POSTPONE the designation. Why is the EPA looking at the Gladstone area now?
2. When did revisiting the Silverton area (Gladstone) begin?
3. Why?

4. You said you take soil and water samples. How many and where?
5. What do the samples reveal?
6. At your August visit to Silverton. do you present facts, make recommendations, debate merits of approaches to solutions,,issue orders?
7. Can the EPA designate a Superfund site by its own authority?
8. Do local commissioners (government) or state officials have to agree to Superfund status?
9. What does Superfund status require on part of local authorities or volunteer groups?
10. Does the EPA participate in remediation measures.?
11. Are costs of remediation shared?
12. Among what entities?
13. Can you give examples of remedial measures?
14. How serious a case is the Gladstone area? AVERAGE EGREGIOUS BASKET CASE?
15. What is the worst case (where) you've seen in similar mining communities?

Thanks for your patience, Sabrina.

Dale